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- 1st—The manufacturer with the rigid tests of the laboratory and factory.
- 2nd—The wholesale grocer with his high standing and desire to handle only reliable goods.
- 3rd—The retail grocer who desires to handle only those brands he knows will please his customers.
- 4th—The food officials with their rigid laws for the purity and wholesomeness of food products.
- 5th—And most important, you, the housewife with your desire for purity, efficiency and perfect satisfaction.

ASK YOUR GROCER — HE SELLS IT

## 25 Ounces for 25¢

(More than a pound and a half for a quarter)

### The Weekly Ledger

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#### PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE STOCK MARKET

PRESIDENT WILSON knows and cares nothing about the Wall Street stock market, and is not governed in his utterances by what will be good for the "bulls or the bears" but what will be best for the country.

Along this line the New York World editorially says:

"There is no stock-ticker in the White House," said Philander C. Knox, Attorney General in the Cabinet of President Roosevelt, in reply to Wall Street protests against the Northern Securities suit on the ground that it had brought about a bear raid.

That is the answer to the Wall Street gentlemen who are denouncing President Wilson and Secretary Lansing for the stock-market slump that followed the President's note and the Secretary's interview.

Wall Street must skin its own skunk. The policies of the United States Government cannot be shaped with regard to their effect upon stock-gamblers, whether the gamblers be bulls or bears.

If Wall Street wishes to find a subject for really righteous indignation, we respectfully direct its attention to the morals of a stock market which has decreed that war is good business and peace is bad business. That is a stock exchange revelation which is framed in shame and infamy.

A market that depends for its strength upon the continuing slaughter of men, the continuing suffering of women and children and the continuing destruction of civilization is a market that the devil himself might hesitate to call his own.

#### POSTMASTERS REBUKED

THE Ledger is not surprised to learn that the administration at Washington, including Congressmen, are anxious to arrange so that the postmasters of the country will render some real service for the salaries they are receiving. The idea seems to be that postmasters are really not "plums" to be picked from the "plum tree." Some postmasters appear to feel that they are paid to look after most of the activities in a community, except the business of the post-office.

A telegram from Washington indicates that Postmaster General Burleson is expecting to recommend Congress to pass a law this winter, abolishing the present method of appointing postmasters, and that in the future they will be selected under the civil service.

Along this line the St. Louis Post-Dispatch says:

"If adopted, the act will take away from members of Congress their influence in the selection of postmasters and remove from politics a subject of patronage the country over. Among many members of Congress there is a strong sentiment for the law."

"The department, it is said, has been handicapped in some of its progressive measures because postmasters were chosen more for their popularity rather than for their business ability."

"The plan proposed would make postmasterships a business which a man must first qualify for before receiving an appointment. It would make possible the promotion of a postmaster from a small office to a larger one, and instead of installing a postmaster for a four-year term to remain in one place he would be installed in the office he is best fitted for. If it were found that a postmaster serving in an office with receipts of \$100,000 was qualified to serve in an office with receipts of \$1,000,000, he would be in line for promotion to such an office."

"By this method the service, it is declared, would be improved and at the same time would be economized and placed on a business basis."

IF we are going to have real good roads in Audrain County, arrangements must be first made for some real good money.

MISSOURI'S new \$3,500,000 Capitol will be dedicated on July 4th. A portion of the new capitol building is already completed, and we understand the inaugural of Governor Gardner will take place in the new building, and that a suite of rooms is finished for his office.

HAPPY NEW YEAR to you all.

VILLA is still as villainous as ever.

MEXICO and Audrain real estate is getting ready for a big advance.

THE poultry and dairy industries should be looked after better during 1917.

THE latest legal opinion indicates that Governor Gardner will be inaugurated next Monday, whether there is a contest or not.

IS the higher cost of living to embrace everything? Complaint is made by pathological experimenters in Washington that monkeys, once plentiful at \$8 each, are now scarce and cost \$18.

A GUBERNATORIAL contest would postpone inauguration of Governor Gardner and Gov. Major would hold over until the contest ended. The Legislature will convene on Wednesday and the first step in the contest would be taken Thursday, when the vote is due to be cast.

A contest would tie up the work of legislation for at least 30 days, as it would require that time to reach a decision.

## "I keenly enjoy traveling—especially on the 'Golden State Limited.'"

"Whoever was responsible for the building of this beautiful train understood not only the needs of the traveler, but better still, he understood human nature."

"This is evidenced by the unusual service provided and the many unlooked-for comforts and conveniences."

The above is just one expression of many commendations our superior service to California. When you go west avail yourself of the splendid service provided on the superb trains—

"Golden State Limited"

and

"Californian"

Rock Island—El Paso—Southern Pacific

the Golden State Route—direct route of lowest altitudes and most comfortable and interesting route to southern California.

Only two days enroute Kansas City to Los Angeles—Route of the United States Mail—no extra fare.

Tickets, reservations and California literature on request.

A. A. STEWART

General Passenger Agent

716 Railway Exchange Bldg.

Kansas City, Mo.

Rock Island

### 3 BADLY BURNED IN MOLINO GAS EXPLOSION

Instead of Using Coal Oil, as They Thought, They Started Fire With Gasoline and It Exploded.

BAPTIST CHURCH ON FIRE.

Injured Were Painfully Burned but Not Seriously—Church Was Damaged Only Slightly.

Injured

Ray Creed, 8 months old, burned on face.

F. Flint, badly burned on arm and hands.

Mrs. Milt Roberts, both hands badly burned.

An explosion in which three persons were painfully burned and the Baptist Church at Molino was on fire occurred shortly after 6:30 Thursday evening while the big dinner for the rabbit hunters was in progress.

That no more were badly hurt is rather surprising as the building was crowded at the time. The explosion was the result of a mistake in which gasoline was poured on a smothered fire in the place of coal oil.

Ray Creed, the eight months old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Creed, was painfully burned about the face. Dr. J. F. Flint had an arm and his hands badly burned and Mrs. Milt Roberts was seriously burned about both hands.

Several others had narrow escapes from the explosion.

The dinner was held in the Baptist church and the building was in a blaze immediately following the explosion. This was readily extinguished and did little damage. The dinner was for the winning rabbit hunters who recently killed over 1500 bunnies in a days gunning. Friends of the injured will be glad to know they will all recover.

The Habits of Taking Cold.

With many people taking cold is a habit, but fortunately one that is easily broken. Take a cold sponge bath every morning when you first get out of bed—not too hot, but a temperature of about 90° F. Also sleep with your window up. Do this and you will seldom take cold. When you do take cold take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and get rid of it as quickly as possible. Obtainable everywhere.

The Mexico Ledger would like to know the present address of Walter Burch, formerly of Mexico, Mo.

R. R. Arnold Sr. and wife leave early in January for an extended visit to Florida, New Orleans and other southern points.

SPEAKER CLARK WILL BE RE-ELECTED.

THE following from the New York World indicates that Speaker Clark will, without opposition, be re-elected, and will be good news to Democrats of his home district:

"How to organize a House of Representatives in which neither of the great parties has a majority is the puzzle confronting the Sixty-fifth Congress even now, long before the regular date of assembling."

"With a Republican and Democratic membership of 214 and 213 respectively, there are 2 independents, 2 Progressives, 1 Prohibitionist and 1 Socialist. In two districts no certificate of election has yet been issued. If the Representatives of the various minor parties were to act in concert they might name the Speaker and exercise considerable influence upon the appointment of committees. Success in that case, however, would depend largely upon the wisdom of their leadership, the ability of dissonant elements to unite for a common purpose, and the willingness of one or the other of the old parties to make concessions."

"More promising of action than any such combination is the situation in the Republican party itself. Not a few of its Representatives-elect are as progressive and independent as the four men who are thus classified. Those in control of the organization would like to place James R. Mann in the chair, but Mr. Gardner, of Massachusetts, revolted against him for pro-Germanism is only a fore-runner of more formidable opposition to him as a stand-patter. Almost anybody in either Republican faction would be named for the Speakership would meet the same antagonism in his own household."

"The Democrats will present Champ Clark for re-election with assurance of their united support. After much ill-feeling, log-rolling and delay of public business, it is reasonable to suppose that he will receive enough non-Democratic votes to settle the contest. Some of these may come from Progressives who prefer Mr. Clark to any stand-patter; some of them may be cast by unbending members of the Old Guard who prefer him to any Republican Progressive. In family rows of this kind, peaceable neighbors who stay out are likely to be invited in presently."

THE following is said to be an essay on editors by a country school boy: "Don't know how newspapers came to be in the world. I don't think the good Lord does, for he ain't got nothing to say about the editor in the Bible. I think the editor is one of the misser links you read of, and stayed in the bushes until after the flood, and then came out and wrote the thing up and has been here ever since. I don't think he ever died. I never seen a dead one and never heard of one getting licked. If the doctor makes a mistake he makes a funeral, cut flowers and perfect silence. A doctor can use a word a yard long without anybody knowing what it is, but if an editor uses one he has to spell it. Any old college can make a doctor, but an editor has to be born."

### ANY CHEST COLD MAY BRING

Bronchitis or Tonsillitis

The irritating, tickling cough affects the lung tissue and wears down nature's power to resist disease germs.

## SCOTT'S EMULSION

suppresses the cold, allays the inflammation, steadily removes the irritation and rebuilds the resistive power to prevent lung trouble.

SCOTT'S has done more for bronchitis troubles than any other one medicine. It contains no alcohol.

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### U. C. T'S AND T. P. A'S TO FEAST HERE JANUARY 6

United Commercial Travelers and Travelers' Protective Association to Hold Annual Banquet.

TO HAVE MUSICAL PROGRAM

To Eat Turkey and "Trimmin's" and Hear Good Music at Banquet at Hotel Hoxsey.

The annual banquet of the Travelers' Protective Association and the United Commercial Travelers will be held at the Hotel Hoxsey January 6.

Those in charge of this banquet are planning to make it one of the best of these banquets ever held in this city.

A delicious menu has been arranged and a delightful musical program prepared. This banquet is always one of the most interesting and delightful social events of the winter.

More than 100 guests were present at the banquet last year and an even greater number are expected this year.

The musical program and menu are arranged as follows:

PROGRAM—

March.....Miss Armstrong

Invocation.....Dr. A. A. Wallace

Chaplain

Solo.....Miss Frances Gupton

Duet.....Mrs. Henderson and Capt. Covey

Solo.....Miss Esther Morris

Solo.....Miss Jennie Parker

Ukelele Trio.....

Misses Frances Gupton, Jane Rodgers

Solo.....Miss Cole Younger

Solo.....Miss Mildred Wallace

Male Quartet.....

Dr. Fred Griffin, W. R. Sappington,

Roy Mitchell and Ross Wagner

Solo.....Miss Dorothy Holmes

Solo.....Miss Rieker

Blue Points on the Half Shell

Michigan Celery

Tomato Bouillon

Roast Young Turkey

With Cranberry Sauce

Roman Potatoes

Snow Flake Potatoes

Fresh Peas in Shells

Waldorf Salad

Parker House Rolls

Brick Ice Cream

Angel Food Cake

Black Coffee

Salted Almonds

After-Dinner Mints

Cigars

IS IT "JUST A COLD"?

Mexico People Should Ask Themselves This Question.

Don't say: "It's just a cold."

It may turn into backache, rheumatism, aches, achy joints.

Or other serious sickness that comes from weak kidneys.

Colds are due to congestion. Congestion makes the kidneys over-work to filter the blood.

Colds often leave the kidneys weak.

First break the cold; then use Doan's Kidney Pills to avert the kidney dangers.

Let this Mexico resident tell you about them.

Mrs. C. E. Meyer, 405 W. Promenade St., Mexico, says: "I had a pretty bad cold and as a result it settled on my kidneys, causing the kidney secretions to pass too freely. My back pained more or less day and night and a dizzy feeling came over me at times and blurred my sight. I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they soon had me feeling all right. The backache ceased and the action of my kidneys was regulated."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply rely on a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Meyer had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

### MR. AND MRS. SIDNEY DREW DISCUSS THEIR WORK

Famous Movie Stars, Visiting in Columbia, Talk of Their Work on the Screen.

LIKE A BUSINESS LIFE

Mrs. Drew, formerly Miss Lucille McVey, is Relative of Mrs. Ross Wagner, of This City.

Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Drew, the movie stars, are in town with their work. Mexico people feel they are acquainted with this well known couple, having seen them so often on the screen here.

Miss Lucille McVey, of Sedalia, is a relative of Mrs. Ross Wagner, of this city.

Mr. and Mrs. Drew are visiting in Columbia, at the home of Mrs. Drew's mother, Mrs. C. F. McVey, and resting from their arduous work of writing, acting and directing motion picture plays for the Metro—Drew Company.

"I demand naturalness in motion pictures," said Mr. Drew, "and I deplore the sort of manager who says to his director: 'Pose! Hold it!' with a characteristic gesture. Mrs. Drew tries to portray the middle-class American woman as she is, and the result is a more interesting character than the too 'dolled-up' leading lady, whom we tend to, and which she calls 'heroine-worship.'"

The Drews like the motion pictures better than the stage, it is better than living in a trunk; they say. Mrs. Drew says she enjoys being amused in the evenings, instead of amusing others, as he did when on the legitimate stage.


The Drews are two of the hardest working actors on the screen, producing one complete scenario each week, buying only the idea and working it up themselves.

Mrs. W. D. Thomas and Miss Pearl Thomas, of Fulton, are the guests of Mrs. Harriet Stevens, of this city.

Mrs. J. N. Crebs and daughter, Virginia, are here for a few days visit from St. Louis.

THIS is an age of economy and efficiency, and the sooner public officials find it out the better.

L. H. Hannah was here from Columbia Saturday.



## ZEPHYR FLOUR

—a quality flour whose great loaf yield makes it more economical than cheaper grades.

### SMITH BROS.

W. H. HUTCHERSON, Boston City SAMFS & SON, Centralia

### LEODER'S WEATHER FORECAST SERVICE BIG FOR FARMERS

Telephone in Office Rings Frequently When Season Makes Weather Conditions Uncertain.

PEOPLE WATCH THE FLAGS

Flags Shown Over Ledger Building Each Morning Tell of Next Day's Weather as Received by Wire.

"This the Ledger?"

"Yes."

"What's the weather forecast?"

This telephone conversation is repeated many times a day in the Ledger office especially during those seasons of the year when a sudden change in the weather might mean a heavy loss to the farmers. In town the flags displayed above the Ledger building, which give the forecast for the next day, are watched with interest.

The forecast comes by telegraph to the Ledger from a weather observer of the government and arrives about 10 a. m. If the weather permits the message is spread to the public through the interpretation of the standard flag system.